

Remarks

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 28, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request amending the claims as indicated above. The Applicants believe these amendments place the case in condition to pass to issue and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the case to issue. The Applicants submit not new matter was entered with respect to the amendments above as the subject matter with respect to the same correspond with paragraphs 26-35 of the application as published.


The foregoing amendments include independent claims 19 and 39 that are generally directed to a vehicle system controller having a number of specifically claimed control portions, with the control portions of claim 39 being removable without disrupting the operation of the other control portions. The reference cited to by the Examiner in the Office Action noted above fail to disclose or teach a vehicle system controller having each of the claimed control portions. As such, the Applicants submit each of the rejections set forth by the Examiner are obviated in light the new independent claims 1 and 39.

Notwithstanding the patentability of the independent claims, the Applicants submit dependent claims 20-38 are separately patentable from independent claim 1. Each of these dependent claims include further limitations of the control portions recited in independent claims 1, and to the extent that the cited reference fail to disclose the corresponding control portions, the cited reference similarly fail to disclose the further limitations recited in dependent claims 2-38.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit each rejection has been fully replied to and traversed and that the case is in condition to pass to issue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the case to issue and is invited to contact the undersigned if it would further prosecution of the case to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$50.00 to cover the fees associated with the one addition dependent claim, as well as any additional fees associated with this filing, to the Deposit Account of Ford Global Technologies LLC, No. 06-1510.

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